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SUBJ: CONTRACT AIRLIFT SUPPORT FOR CAMBODIA

REF: A. BANGKOK 7460 (NOTAL)

B. COMUSMACHTAI 260530Z JUL 74 (NOTAL)

1. DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER CHATCHAI EXPRESSED TO AMBASSADOR KINTNER THE MFA'S OPPOSITION TO THE USG CONTRACTING WITH A PRIVATE FIRM TO AIRLIFT SUPPLIES FROM THAILAND TO CAMBODIA TO SUPPORT THE GKR WAR EFFORT. THE SUBJECT WAS RAISED BY CHATCHAI DURING THE AMBASSADOR'S CALL ON FOREIGN MINISTER NOARUMPHAN ON JULY 26, AND CHARUMPHAN NODDED IN SUPPORT OF ALL CHATCHAI SAID ON THIS SUBJECT.

2. CHATCHAI SAID HE WISHED TO RAISE A VERY SENSITIVE MATTER OVER WHICH HE THOUGHT THE US AND THAI GOVERNMENTS MIGHT HAVE PROBLEMS. AFTER STRESSING RTG WORRY OVER THE CAMBODIAN SITUATION, AND BY IMPLICATION, GROWING RTG CONCERN REGARDING FUTURE THAI RELATIONS WITH ANY SUCCESSOR GOVERNMENT TO THE GKR, CHATCHAI

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SAID HE HAD HEARD OF US PLANS TO CONTRACT WITH A PRIVATE FIRM

AND PROVIDE IT AIRPLANES FOR FERRYING SUPPLIES AND WAR GOODS FROM UTAPAO TO CAMBODIA. THIS, HE SAID, WAS A VERY BAD IDEA. WHEN THE PRESS GETS HOLD OF THIS NEWS IT WILL BE DESCRIBED AS A "NEW AIR AMERICA," AND THE RECENT TRANSACTION BY WHICH THE OLD AIR AMERICA WAS DISSOLVED WILL BE CALLED A SHAM.

3. BEFORE LEAVING THIS SUBJECT, THE DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER ASKED THE AMBASSADOR IF THE USG WOULD EXPLORE OTHER POSSIBILITIES TO ACCOMPLISH THE SUPPLY OF CAMBODIA FROM THAILAND, AND REQUESTED THAT THE AMBASSADOR KEEP THE MINISTRY INFORMED ON THE MATTER.
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